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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In advance of the first office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 18 as follows.

CLAIM 18(TWICE AMENDED). A method of making a fiber matrix used as a medium for subsequent resin impregnation, for use in making polishing pads for use in chemical-mechanical process apparatuses for the chemical-mechanical polishing of substrates, comprising:
making said fiber matrix by a paper-making wet-laid process comprising the following steps:

(a) dispersing paper-making cellulosic fibers in water to form a paper-making slurry;